

REMARKS

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1, 4, 6-7, 9-12 and 14-23 remain pending in the above-identified application and stand ready for further action on the merits.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended so as to further clarify the claimed invention in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in the Advisory Action of March 11, 2010. The present amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter into the application as originally filed. As such entry of the instant amendment and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited at present.

Response to Advisory Action

Amendment of February 18, 2010

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner declines to enter the Amendment of February 18, 2010, asserting that it raises new issues for consideration. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been filed herewith. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner enter the amendment and the remarks submitted in the Amendment of February 18, 2010. Also, it is noted that the claims and the specification have been amended in this Amendment in order to further clarify the claimed invention in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion of the Advisory Action, as explained below.

The Second Paragraph at "Continuation Sheet (PTO-303)" Attached to the Advisory Action (Indefiniteness of Claims 1 and 11)

The Examiner suggests amending claims 1 and 11 to further clarify the claimed invention. Based on the suggestion, claims 1 and 11 have been amended in this Amendment.

The Third Paragraph at "Continuation Sheet (PTO-303)" Attached to the Advisory Action (the Term "Projecting Width")

The Examiner suggests that "projecting height" is more suitable term than "projecting width" in the specification and points out discrepancy between descriptions regarding the projection at page 27 of the specification. Thus, the specification has been amended to remove the discrepancy in this Amendment.

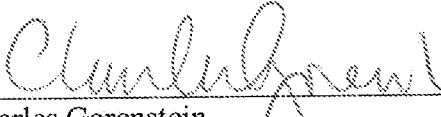
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Toyohiko Konno, Registration No. L0053 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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